

Yale College Dec 17th 1821

Very Dear Friend

United in the endearing tie
of affection and Friendship, how pleasing to resume
my pen and hold correspondence with one, whom
change of circumstances has deprived the satisfaction
of daily intercourse. Although we are now deprived
of this, I think it may be nearly supplied, by
holding a mutual correspondence with each other

I received your affectionate letter dated Dec 5th
which I assure you was gladly accepted.

I have enquired for a Dictionary, which you requested
me, but have not been able to ^{find} ~~obtain~~ but one.

The leaves are not much worn, but the cover is materially
injured, eight leaves are torn out, four in the middle
of the book, and four at the end in the proper names
The price of it is a dollar, it would want binding
new, and if you have an old Dictionary you could put in
those leaves, for those which are wanting. Otherwise I should
not think it advisable to get it. If you conclude to
get a new one, I think you can get one much
cheaper at Hartford than here. I suppose the dictionaries
were all purchased, which were for sale, when the Freshman

J. J. Williston.

first came on, as there are generally a great many
books wanting the ———

Your information respecting the addition to the
Church was truly interesting. But had you assured
me that you had added one to their number, ^{it would have been still more so} you will
know that it is a subject of the greatest importance, and
which on certain grounds ought to be immediately com-
plied with. But in my own circumstances you may
well suppose that I have not much reason for accusation.

You have now it seems commenced a course of ^{studying} which
I suppose you expect to pursue. I can say you never
will repine at it. Although the fountain of knowledge
is inexhaustible, and no one can attain to perfection
in the pursuit of it, still the mind cannot easily
satisfied with small attainments ——— And I embrace
the anticipation that when you have completed the
studies necessary for public life, you will ever look
back upon the time you commenced with satisfaction
and delight ———

With regard to my present situation, I am
very much gratified with it. Thus far I am pleased with
the college life, and I hope I never shall have occasion
to lament that I entered upon it, ———

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if they room in college. Sabbath morning at the ringing
 of the first bell, ^{by the brethren and those who feel disposed to attend} or at half past 9) is set apart as a prayer
 meeting, but more especially for the welfare of each other
 there was a letter ^{read} at this meeting last sabbath, written by son
 of the students at Andover, addressed to the Brethren of Yale
 College. I think I never enjoyed as more pleasant meeting
 as it is now studying hours, I must conclude, by subscribing myself
 Yours affectionately J. J. Tilton

Mr. Amos A. Phelps
 Cambridge
 Mass.

NEW-BRIDGE AVENUE
 DEC 17

J. J. Tilton

P.S. Let not this commenced correspondence, cause
 expose not my ignorance,